



# THE MORNING NEWS

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## White House: Obama is no Nixon

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The White House was confronted by the ghost of disgraced former president Richard Nixon on Tuesday, as it battled to stem a tide of scandal that threatens to swamp Barack Obama's second term agenda.

After four years of largely dodging the grubby controversies that often dog US presidents, Obama is under attack from Republicans bent on making political hay from a trio of controversies tied to alleged abuses of executive power.

Obama's foes demanded answers on claims that the Internal Revenue Service -- the government's tax collection agency -- had targeted conservative grassroots groups critical of his White House.

They also took aim at Obama's handling of the attack on the US mission in Benghazi -- pushing claims of a cover-up and shrugging off the president's complaint that issue has become a partisan "circus."

And Monday's bombshell revelation that the Justice Department had seized the phone records of Associated Press reporters stirred the febrile atmosphere that envelops Washington in times of scandal.

Add for good measure a just exposed Cold-War style spy standoff with Russia, and the shady 1970s vibe is complete.

Republicans, smarting from Obama's re-election triumph and seeking to box him in politically with an eye on future elections, hope to directly implicate Obama in some or all of the scandals.

"Benghazi and IRS (are) hurting them, but on this one (AP records) I want to hear the justification," Republican

senator John McCain told AFP.

McCain alluded to the legendary hard ball politics and abuses of power during the administrations of Nixon and Lyndon Johnson: "We thought that era has passed. Apparently, that's not the case."

Another Republican, Senator Orrin Hatch, also saw ominous echoes in the IRS drama. "I've never seen anything quite like this, except in the past during the Nixon years," he said.

The White House dismissed comparisons between Nixon -- forced from office in 1974 for covering up a burglary in Democratic Party headquarters and for using income tax audits and returns against political enemies -- and Obama.

"People who make those kind of comparisons need to check their history," said White House spokesman Jay Carney.

## A night of culture in Papiamentu from Fundacion Lanta Papiamentu

The year 2013 has been officially declared "The Year of Papiamentu" by Aruba's Ministry of Culture. Fundacion Lanta Papiamentu, (FLP) which has promoted the eloquent use of the language in the arts and encourages its development and elevation, has been conducting monthly events to enlighten the public of its use in the arts.

A very successful cultural evening was conducted at Aruba's public library in Oranjestad at the Don Bosco Club in Noord as part of the monthly events celebrating 2013, "The Year of Papiamentu." FLP President Joyce Periera announced that this in one week, on Wednesday, May 22, a symposium marking ten years as a recognized language will take place at the Centro di Bario Noord. It was on May 21, 2003 that law was enacted to declare Papiamentu an official language of Aruba. On May 22, 2009, the FLP was founded. The evening will include fea-



ture recitations by poetess Caresse Issings and entertaining story telling in Papi-

amentu with actress Emerita Emerencia.

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## Monarch cruise line receives majestic welcome to Aruba



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## A night of culture in Papiamento from Fundacion Lanta Papiamento

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FLP President Joyce Periera

All through the rest of the year, FLP will be conducting monthly events dedicated to Aruba's official language, Papiamento, in various neighborhoods around the island. The message is to not only take pride in the language, but also improve it. Lessons can be arranged through FLP to improve the spoken and written use of Papiamento.

### Coming events include:

**June 23;** Zumba in Papiamento

**June 25;** Celebration of Dera Gay

**July 1:** Art Exposition marking 150 years since the abolition of slavery

**September:** Marking 60 years since UNESCO recognized the significance of "Mother Tongues"

**September 30:** Celebrating 35 years of the Depart-



Caresse Issings

ment of Culture

**November:** Eastern Caribbean Island Cultures Conference "Island in Between"

**November 22:** Festival of composition in Papiamento

**December:** Close of the "Year of Papiamento" with final of the writing contest

Several of the events will include screening of such classic films in Papiamento as "Zuleika," "Almacita Desolado," by noted filmmakers Norman de Palm and Felix de Rooi, as well as the award-winning "Awa Brak," and "10 Ave Maria," by young Aruban filmmakers.

The event on May 22 will be from 7:30 to 10:30 PM. Admission is 5 Aruban florins, which assists the FLP in their efforts to elevate the usage of Papiamento.

By Rosalie Klein



## Important notice for all students who applied for a student loan 2013-2014

ORANJESTAD – The Department of Education, section Study Facility and Guidance, invites all students who applied in time for a Government study loan and has complied with all the necessary requirements, to pass at said office to claim their letter for granting of a student loan.

The letters will be issued May 15 to May 17 between 8:00 a.m. and 12 noon and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the offices of Study Facility and

Guidance at Cumana 69, Codemsa Building, 1st floor.

For any information, please contact the Department of Education, section Study Facility and Guidance at tel. 588-7600 or via fax 588-7601, e-mail arubalening@ea.aw



## Due to electricity interruption: No cash register service at the Paradera Tax Office today

ORANJESTAD – The Tax Department announces that, due to electricity interruption in Paradera, the Tax Office in said district will be closed today, May 15, the whole day. There will be no cashier services.

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Cruz tax Office will be more busy than normal.

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## Pullmantur praised for successful contribution to Aruba's Cruise Industry



In one year Pullmantur brought more cruise passengers to Aruba than they have in 4 years!

During the welcome ceremony of the first call of the Monarch vessel, the Aruba Minister of Tourism remarked about Aruba's long successful history with Royal Caribbean. He reminded about the discussions about the possibility to bring new ships to Aruba especially during or so-called low seasons. This, according to the Minis-

doors to the world." The Minister expressed praise and gratitude to the Pullmantur group, ATA, APA and Maduro & Son for the opportunity to mark the beginning of our low 'high' cruise tourism season.

All invitees, to include ATA CEO Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes and representatives of APA and Maduro & Son received a royal tour of the vessel. Commercial Director of Pullmantur for Latin America, Jose Manuel Mar-

sengers to get on board Monarch from Aruba on a weekly basis of a total of 52 calls. This, he claims will be in addition to the 2600 passengers who will be visiting Aruba weekly during the year. This means that in a single season a total of 140 thousand persons will visit our island.

Following the discourses they exchanged gifts. Later the ship invited all to enjoy typical Aruban dance performances by The Super Dancers.

As of April 2013, this ship carries some 2.744 passengers. Her name was changed to Monarch and is being managed by a Spanish operative which operates the Royal Caribbean Cruise Line, namely, Pullmantur Cruises. On April 29th the ship sailed into our harbor under rhythmic steel pan music.

Pullmantur is implementing the practice of interporting in our region - the Southern Caribbean region. This practice is contrary to the turn-around where the cruise line brings passengers to board at a destination and returns them to the same destination to then board an airline. Pullmantur is now offering passengers the opportunity to chose multiple embarkation ports for their new port calls.

These itinerary interports are: Aruba, La Guaira, Curaçao, Colon and Cartagena de Indias. On this voyage pas-

sengers could have chosen any one of these ports to board the ship for an 8 day and 7 night voyage accross the Southern Caribbean.

This practice was historically used by European cruise lines and is slowly becoming popular now in the

Caribbean region. Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, the mother company of Pullmantur has similar practices for other ports and other vessels with the objective of attracting clients from the Southern Caribbean.



ter was followed by the good news from Pullmantur that they will be calling on Aruba during the entire year, as well as into the next year!

The Minister of Tourism proudly announced to the group of visitors and ship executives that..."you will be part of the history of Aruba, because for the first time we will pass the 700 thousandth cruise passenger to visit Aruba. We want to thank you for your business, and also for the opportunity to open

tin reported that for this particular cruise they brought travel agents and Latin American and European reporters so that they can become acquainted with these destinations including Aruba. Jose Manuel Martin has been coming to the Caribbean himself for the past 22 years.

According to Manuel Martin more than 130 thousand persons have visited our island via Pullmantur during the past four seasons. They expect to see some 180 pas-





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American Air.	AA 1036	Miami	08:45	Departed
Dutch Antill.	9H 810	Curacao	09:00	Departed
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Tiara Air	3P 201	Las Piedr.	10:15	

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ments of the airport building.

"Aruba Airport is a very unique airport in many ways and the old website didn't reflect this. I'm sure that the new website, with its attractive design layout and additional features will provide users a much better preview of our airport," said Peter Steinmetz, AAA's CEO.

In the days ahead AAA will provide more information on each new feature of the website. Airport executives encourage travelers to visit [www.airportaruba.com](http://www.airportaruba.com) to experience it for themselves.

By Rosalie Klein

ORANJESTAD: Aruba Airport Authority N.V. (AAA) was proud unveil to the sleek new website for the Reina Beatrix International Airport: [www.airportaruba.com](http://www.airportaruba.com) on Monday evening, in the sculpture garden of the airport.

This new website has a fresh, contemporary look and feel, "in accord with all the recent renovations and expansions at the airport. The new website is very easy for travelers to use and information can be found quickly without having to navigate through the entire website," explained the site's developers, Power Systems.

Additional exciting features that have been added to the new website include "Flight Tracking", "Flight Search", "Live Arrivals and Departure Updates with SMS notification" among many others. The new website is also very interactive; users can contact the airport through the "Contact Us" form and also via the "Lost & Found" form to report lost items.

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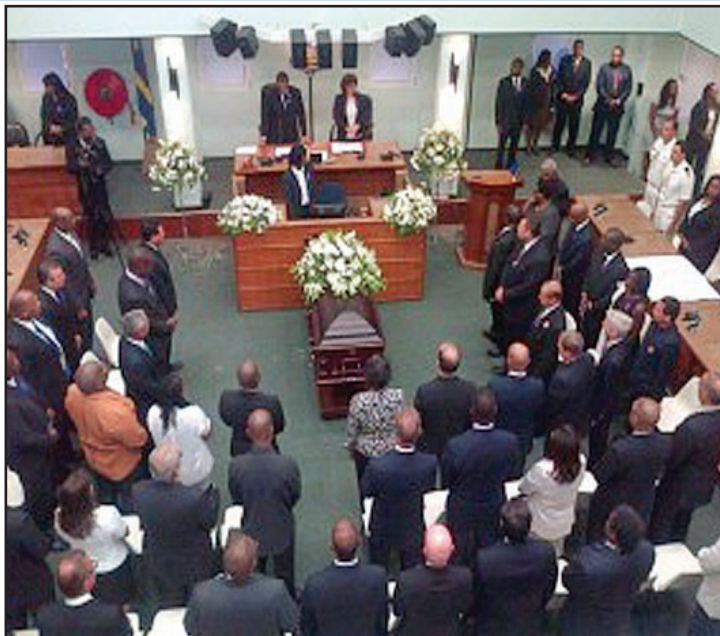
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## Emotional farewell for Helmin Wiels

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at the Parliament building, officers carried the coffin to the door where six politicians took then the coffin. After emotional speeches by President of Parliament Mike Franco and outgoing Prime Minister Daniel Hodge, the leaders of each Parliament factions had the opportunity to express themselves.

Present were all the members of Parliament,

the Government of Curacao, Dutch Minister Ronald Plasterk, Governor of Curacao, Adele van der Pluijm-Vrede and Aruba Prime Minister, Mike Eman.

Afterwards the funeral procession then continued to the Sport Center where the community of Curacao had the opportunity to bid farewell to the political leader.

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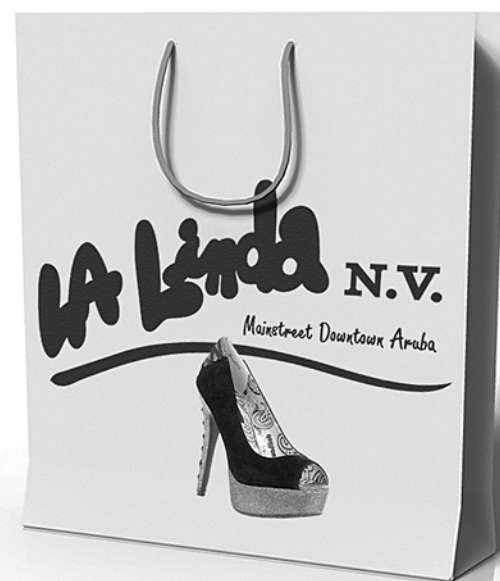




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## Syria peace conference taking shape

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Plans to convene a new peace conference on Syria were gathering pace Tuesday amid a round of intense diplomacy, as US officials said the Syrian regime appeared ready to take part.

US Secretary of State John Kerry urged Syrian President Bashar al-Assad not to squander the opportunity to come to the table for negotiations, insisting "enormous plans are being laid" for what has been dubbed Geneva II.

In a possible sign of progress, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov had also told the US chief diplomat that Assad had "already given him the names of people who will negotiate," Kerry said.

Kerry and Lavrov have been working in tandem

since announcing in Moscow last week plans for a new conference aimed at mapping a path towards a political transition in Syria and ending the bloody conflict now in its third year.

The two top diplomats were to meet for the second time in a week late Tuesday on the sidelines of talks on the Arctic in Sweden, as they grope for a solution based on a deal agreed in June last year in Geneva.

Exactly who will attend the conference, where it will be held and when, has yet to be determined, State Department spokesman Patrick Ventrell said.

Kerry warned earlier however in a press conference in Stockholm that if Assad makes another "gross miscalculation" and decides not to attend then it was "clear the opposition will be receiving

additional support."

There has been a flurry of diplomatic activity since Kerry's Moscow talks last week, with foreign ministers beating a path to the Russian capital to discuss the conflict in which an estimated 94,000 people have now died.

However, Syrian Information Minister Omran al-Zohbi told the Hezbollah's Al-Manar television that Damascus wanted more details of the proposal before deciding whether to attend, saying Assad's departure was not up for discussion.

## Walmart to inspect all Bangladesh factories

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Giant retailer Walmart announced Tuesday that it would conduct in-depth safety inspections of all 279 of its Bangladesh suppliers, in the wake of the building collapse that killed more than 1,100 people.

The US retailer said it would release publicly the names and inspection information on each of the factories, and meanwhile also issued a list of more than 200 factories that are blacklisted for failing to meet its standards for suppliers.

"The company will immediately order its production stopped at facilities where urgent safety issues are identified, notify the factory owner and government authorities of the need to take action, and require remediation," Walmart said in a statement.

"As a result, workers in these facilities can be assured of safer working conditions, and the entire market will be lifted to a new standard."

The company did not say

NEW YORK (AFP) - The tweaked version of Microsoft's operating system nicknamed Windows Blue will be previewed on June 26 and will be a free update for users as Windows 8.1, the company said Tuesday.

The update comes amid a lukewarm reception for Windows 8, an operating system released last year to help the software giant transition from personal computers to tablets and other mobile devices.

The move is part of a goal "of delivering continual updates to create a richer experience for Windows customers," a Microsoft blog

post said.

Microsoft's Brandon LeBlanc said a public preview of Windows 8.1 will be available starting on June 26, timed with the Microsoft developer conference in San Francisco.

Microsoft said recently it had sold than 100 million licenses for Windows 8 but that the update was planned after listening to customers.

Some analysts say Microsoft was forced to act because of slow adoption of Windows 8, which made some radical changes to the design of the desktop.

With Windows 8, Microsoft was trying to create a system that could be used on mobile touch screen devices while also serving the users of traditional PCs.

Microsoft launched Windows 8 last October, revamping its flagship system in an effort to make inroads in the fast-growing mobile segment. At the same time, it launched its Surface tablet computer.

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## Journalist rejects job at sold Venezuela opposition TV

Caracas (AFP) - A renowned journalist critical of Venezuela's government turned down an offer to head the Globovision TV channel on Tuesday after the lone opposition network was sold amid doubts about its future editorial line.

Vladimir Villegas, who held top government jobs in the government of late president Hugo Chavez before becoming one of its critics, said he could not resolve differences with the news channel over conditions that "were not in tune with my role as a journalist."

"The journalism that I dream about is free, autonomous," Villegas said on Union Radio, a station in which he manages a program.

Globovision has been on the air since 1994 and has faced government fines, but the Zuloaga family sold it off and the new management said the channel's editorial line would veer to the center.

The channel was bought by Juan Domingo Cordero, a former president of the Caracas stock exchange, and two businessmen with no media experience, Raul Gorrin and Gustavo Perdomo.

Villegas had been named as a co-director along with Leopoldo Castillo, one of Globovision's star journalists. A former diplomat and deputy minister under Chavez, he is the brother of Information Minister Ernesto Villegas.



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## International News

### Russia catches 'American CIA agent' in Moscow

MOSCOW (AFP) - Russia on Tuesday said it had detained an alleged American CIA agent working undercover at the US embassy who was discovered with a large stash of money trying to recruit a Russian agent.

Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB, ex-KGB) identified the man as Ryan C. Fogle -- third secretary of the political section of Washington's embassy in Moscow -- and said he had been handed back to the embassy after his detention.

The foreign ministry said it was summoning US ambassador Michael McFaul today for an explanation and slammed Washington for what it described as "provocative acts in the spirit of the Cold War".

In a complete contrast to the joint pledges for intelligence cooperation after the Boston bombings, it declared Fogle to be persona non grata and said he must return to the United States "as soon as possible".

The FSB said in a statement carried by Russian news agencies that Fogle was carrying "special technical equipment, written instructions for recruiting a Russian citizen, a large

sum of money and means for changing a person's appearance".

The statement added that "recently, the US intelligence service has made repeated attempts to recruit the staff of Russian law enforcement agencies and special services".

In a video that RT said was provided by the FSB, Fogle is seen sitting down as a man, presumably a Russian security officer, tells the suspect about his alleged crime.

He is then accused of offering \$100,000 for espionage to a security service employee who is involved in counterinsurgency work in the Russian North Caucasus.

The incident comes amid a new downturn in Russian-US relations sparked by the Syrian crisis and concern in Washington over what it sees as President Vladimir Putin's crackdown on all dissent.

The last major spy row between the two former Cold War rivals involved the glamorous Anna Chapman and 10 other Russian spies arrested in the United States in 2010.

Meanwhile Russia ordered the expulsion of the alleged American CIA agent.

### Saudi ship owner paid pirates \$2.6 mn ransom: report

ALGIERS (AFP) - The Saudi owner of an Algerian cargo ship whose crew were held by Somali pirates for 10 months admitted paying \$2.6 million to free them in November 2011, an Algerian paper reported Tuesday.

The MV Blida, carrying 17 Algerians, six Ukrainians, two Filipinos, one Jordanian and one Indonesian, was captured by a gang of heavily armed pirates on January 1, 2011, on its way from Oman to Tanzania.

Two of hostages were released for health reasons in October that year, with the rest freed the following month when a bag full of cash was parachuted from a plane.

"The pirates demanded a ransom of \$2.6 million (two million euros) to free the sailors and the ship. The Algerian government refused to negotiate or pay a ransom," owner Ghaith Rashad Feraoun told Arabic daily Ennahar.

"I thought of the sailors. I had no interest in freeing the bulk carrier and cement on board, as it was 100 percent insured and the insurance companies were going to reimburse me," he said.

"I negotiated through a man called Abu Ali or Abu Ahmed. After agreeing with the pirates on the amount, I paid a one off

payment in cash.

"I withdrew the money from Lebanon, because it's the only country where you can get that amount without encountering obstacles," Feraoun explained.

"We took a small plane and threw the money onto the ship," he said, adding that "Algeria didn't pay a single dinar."

Algeria has a policy of not negotiating with hostage-takers and has asked the UN General Assembly to criminalise

ransom payments to pirates.

When the MV Blida's crew were released, the foreign ministry confirmed that Algiers had not provided any money to free them.

After the ordeal, some crew members told AFP that they suffered "psychological torture," enduring death threats and being deprived of food and clean drinking water as they watched their Somali captors getting drunk.

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- Land & Sea**  
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- Breaded Chicken Breast**  
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## Health

### One in 10 S.Africans HIV positive

CAPE TOWN (AFP) - One in ten South Africans is HIV positive but AIDS-related deaths are falling as ramped-up treatment begins to have an impact, the country's official statistics agency said Tuesday.

After years of dragging its heels on the HIV/AIDS crisis, since 2004 South Africa has developed the world's largest HIV treatment programme.

New data indicate that drive is working. The disease will be responsible for 32 percent of all deaths this year.

While still high, that is a dramatic fall from 48 percent in 2005.

"Medicine has advanced and people are living with HIV and AIDS," statistician-general

Pali Lehohla told AFP, unveiling data that point to a dramatic drop in AIDS-related deaths.

Average life expectancy has also increased to 59.6 years, from just 51.6 in 2005.

But the scale of the problem is huge, with 5.3 million people living with HIV out of a population of nearly 53 million.

The state had 1.9 million people on treatment in April this year.

Statistics South Africa released its last mid-year estimates, which uses modelled figures, in 2011.

The country's population growth rate is just over one percent.

### India unveils vaccine for deadly diarrhoea virus

NEW DELHI (AFP) - Indian scientists Tuesday announced a low-cost vaccine against a deadly diarrhoea-causing virus that kills some 100,000 children in the country every year.

Rotavirus, which causes severe diarrhoea, is globally responsible for some 453,000 deaths annually and is particularly dangerous in the developing world where swift health care is often out of reach.

K. Vijaraghavan, secretary of India's Department of Biotechnology which led the quest for an affordable vaccine, said it was a product of international cooperation although it has yet to be approved by Indian drug authorities.

While international pharmaceutical giants GlaxoSmithKline and Merck produce similar vaccines, each dose costs around 1,000 rupees (\$18), said Sushmita Malaviya of PATH, an international health care organisation.

Rotavirus causes up to 884,000 hospitalisations in India a year, at a cost to the country of 3.4 billion rupees (\$72 million), and kills around 100,000 small children annu-

ally in the country, the government says.

The Indian vaccine named Rotavac will be made by Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech, which has said it has the capacity to mass-produce tens of millions of doses after clearance is given, expected in eight or nine months.

Rotavac vaccination consists of three doses.

Sheela Panicker, a Bharat Biotech spokeswoman, said the drops will be used in India and in other developing countries.

India has been a powerhouse in developing cheap medicines to treat diseases such as cancer, tuberculosis and AIDS for those who cannot afford expensive branded versions across the developing world.

The government said the third and final round of clinical trials involving 6,799 infants began in March 2011 and was monitored by private and state health agencies.

Public health researcher Nita Bhandari, who was part of a 400-member team involved in the large-scale trial, said the health officials operated under the "strictest ethical guidelines" set by the government.

### Restaurant meals pack calorie punch



WASHINGTON (AFP) - A single meal at a North American restaurant may contain more than half the calories the average person needs for the whole day, according to research.

Researchers from the University of Toronto sampled hundreds of meals at 19 chain sit-down restaurants and found that average breakfast, lunch and dinner meals contained 1,128 calories, or 56 percent of the daily 2,000 calorie recommendation.

They also contained loads of salt -- 2,269 milligrams or 151 percent of the recommended amount for most adults, which is 1,500 milligrams per day -- and 89 percent of the daily value for fat.

The meals contained on average 83 percent of the daily value for saturated fat, and more than 60 percent of the daily value for cholesterol.

A second study in JAMA focused on dishes available at 33 small independent and small chain restaurants in the Boston area, and found that the average meal contained two-thirds of daily calorie requirements.

Samples were taken from Mexican, American, Chinese, Italian, Japanese, Thai, Indian, Greek and Vietnamese restaurants.

"On average, the meals studied contained 1,327 calories, which significantly exceeds the estimated energy needs of an individual adult at a single meal," said senior author Susan Roberts.

"Meals from all restaurant types provided substantially more energy than is needed for weight maintenance," said Roberts, director of the Energy Metabolism Laboratory at the Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging at Tufts University.

### Prosecutor urges 4-year sentence for faulty breast implants

MARSEILLE (AFP) - A French prosecutor on Tuesday called for the founder of a firm whose faulty breast implants sparked a global health scare to be given a four-year prison sentence on fraud charges.

In closing arguments at the trial in Marseille, prosecutor Jacques Dallest also called for PIP founder Jean-Claude Mas to pay a 100,000 euro (\$130,000) fine and to be banned from working in medical services or from running a company.

The defence is to present its closing arguments from Wednesday to Friday, after a month-long trial that was among the biggest ever held in France.

Deputy prosecutor Ludovic Leclerc urged the court to hold the defendants to account.

Five PIP executives are on trial in the case including the 73-year-old Mas, charged with aggravated fraud for using industrial-grade silicone in implants.

The others on trial are PIP's former general manager Claude Couty, quality control director Hannelore Font, technical director Loic Gossart and product director Thierry Brinon.

The prosecutor called for prison terms of between six months and two years for the other defendants.

An estimated 300,000 women in 65 countries are believed to have received the implants, which are twice as

likely to rupture as other brands, and more than 7,000 women registered as plaintiffs in the case.

One of the plaintiffs, Joelle Manighetti, said no sentence would be harsh enough for the many victims.

News of the faulty implants in 2011 sparked fears worldwide, but health officials in various countries have said they were not toxic and did not increase the risk of breast cancer.

More than 4,000 women have reported ruptures in the implants and in France alone 15,000 have had the PIP implants replaced.

Hundreds of the victims, as well as some 300 lawyers, attended the trial in the southern port city of Marseille, near PIP's former headquarters.

Mas, a former travelling salesman who got his start in the medical business by selling pharmaceuticals, founded PIP in 1991 to take advantage of the booming market for cosmetic implants.

He built the company into the third-largest global supplier of implants, but came under the spotlight when plastic surgeons began reporting an unusual number of ruptures in his products.

Health authorities later discovered he was saving millions of euros by allegedly using industrial-grade gel in 75 percent of the implants. PIP's implants were banned and the company eventually liquidated.



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## Sci-Tech

### Smartphone app helps fight obesity: study

PARIS (AFP) - Using a simple smartphone application to photograph one's meals is a useful slimming aid for the overweight, according to an experiment reported.

The app, designed by British doctors, aims at promoting "food memory" so that people recall what they have eaten and are encouraged not to snack on high-calorie treats.

**The app has three parts:**

-- before eating food or drinking a beverage, the user snaps a picture of what is about to be consumed.

-- after finishing the meal or drink, the user then looks at the picture that was taken, and answers questions about the consumption experience: "Did you finish it all?" and "How full are you now?"

-- before further meals, users also look back at the file of pictures that have been taken in the course of the day, and get a text message urging them to remind themselves of what they have already eaten.

The researchers recruited 12 overweight or obese men and women and monitored them over four weeks in a small-scale pilot study. The volunteers accessed the app more than five times a day on average, and recorded 2.7 daily "episodes" of eating and drinking.

Over the study period, the participants lost 1.5 kilos (3.3 pounds) on average.

Six lost a kilo (2.2 pounds) or more and four lost between zero and one kilo (2.2 pounds), although the other two gained weight, by 100 and 400 grammes (3.5 ounces and 14 ounces) respectively.

"Raising awareness of eating and weight loss achieved suggest this approach could be fruitful," said University of Liverpool investigator Eric Robinson.

The work was unveiled at the European Congress on Obesity in Liverpool, north-western England.

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## Waste guzzling fly factory wins African innovation prize



CAPE TOWN (AFP) - A fly factory that transforms blood, guts, manure and discarded food into animal feed has walked away with a \$100,000 UN-backed innovation prize.

The Stellenbosch, South Africa-based initiative uses the prolific egg layers to recycle industry's cast-offs into reusable protein by mimicking nature and harnessing the winged insects, usually regarded as pests.

"We've created the first industrial farming operation for

flies," said Jason Drew of AgriProtein Technologies which devised the concept.

The flies, which are fed human grade food, lay eggs which are collected and added to the waste where they hatch into larvae.

The larvae munch through the waste and are then harvested, dried and ground up into the consistency of corn flakes and sent to a feed manufacturer.

The flies are trained to lay eggs in one place by creating

their ideal conditions.

"We take their eggs out, we put the eggs onto that waste and at the end of 72 hours, one kilo of eggs turns into about 380 kilos of larvae," said Drew.

The dried larvae have the same composition as fishmeal, commonly used in feeds and drawn from the sea.

The initiative signals a way to use discarded waste while finding a new source of protein, said Drew.

"We take food from food factories, we take blood and guts from slaughter house, we take animal poo from concentrated farming operations and we use different species of fly to eat and combine those wastes," said Drew.

Citing the concept as "Mother Nature's invention", Drew said the firm had spent the past five to six years working out how to get billions of top egg-laying flies and larvae to work together.

The factory won the Innovation Prize for Africa, a joint ini-

tiative of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and the African Innovation Foundation.

The prize was awarded in Cape Town last week, and more than 900 applications were received from 45 countries.

A large-scale fly factory produces 90 to 100 tonnes of pro-

tein a day, some 28.5 tons when dried.

A smaller unit has been developed for rural areas where small scale animal owners can recycle their waste.

The firm has had interest from nearly 30 countries wanting to license the technology, said Drew.



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22. Part of VCR
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28. Commandment word
30. Constricting snakes
34. Agt.
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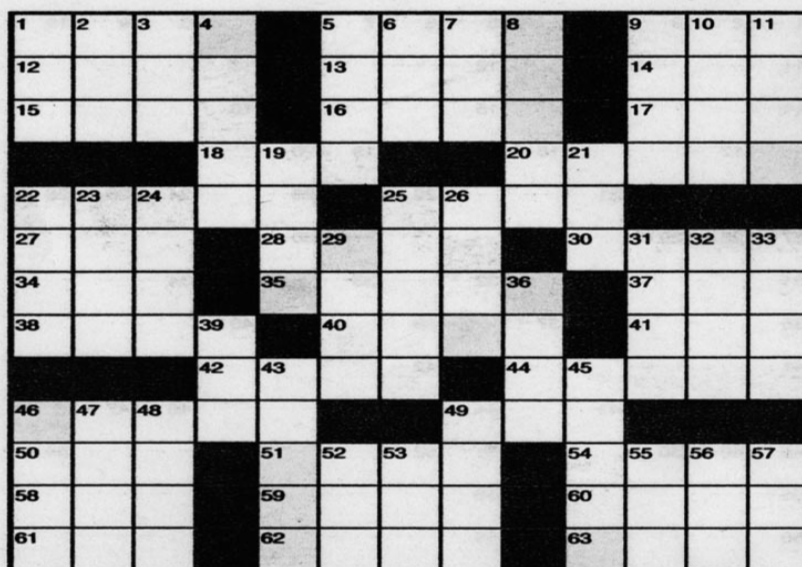
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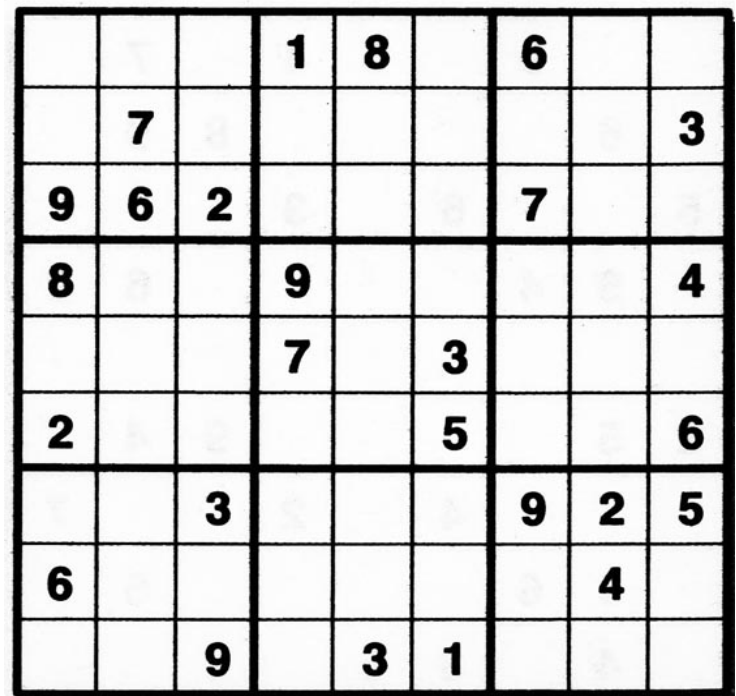
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## FINANCE

### Sony investor calling for break-up: report

PARIS (AFP) - An important US shareholder in Sony has called for a break-up of the struggling Japanese electronics group, a move that could ignite a fire within Japan's traditionalist business culture, the New York Times reported on Tuesday.

Third Point, which is known as an "activist" investment fund which now owns around 6.5 percent of the shares in Sony, is pressing it to focus on its core activities and sell some media holdings to shareholders, according to a letter seen by the Times.

Sony told AFP that its media activities "are not for sale."

Third Point founder Daniel Loeb, known as a scrappy investor, told Sony chief executive Kazuo Hirai: "While Third Point supports your agenda for change, we also believe that to succeed, Sony must focus."

On Thursday, Sony said that it had booked its first annual net profit for five years, largely owing to fluctuations in the value of the yen and gains from a string of asset sales.

Its television and electronics business has struggled owing to problems that include slowing demand in key export markets, fierce competition from

lower-cost overseas rivals, the strength of the yen, and strategic mistakes that left Sony's finances in ruins.

Meanwhile, Third Point has built its Sony stake quietly and is now one of the group's biggest single shareholders.

But while such action is common in the United States, it is rare for a shareholder to bring public pressure on a company in Japan, and even more so when the investor in question is based abroad.

Loeb has suggested that Sony list some of the equity in its media division which includes one of the biggest movie studios in Hollywood and music recording with artists such as Alicia Keys, Carrie Underwood, and Taylor Swift, by distributing shares to those who already have holdings in the parent company.

### Pentagon plans 11 days of unpaid leave for civilians

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Pentagon plans to place most of its nearly 800,000 civilian employees on unpaid leave for 11 days through September due to automatic budget cuts, a US defense official said yesterday.

The move reflected efforts to avoid or limit the length of furloughs as the Pentagon had previously warned it would impose up to 22 days of unpaid leave, then revised the forecast to 14 days.

Certain categories of employees will be exempt from the furloughs and the exceptions will vary from service to service, said the defense official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The exemptions could apply to numerous intelligence officers as well as shipyard workers, as senior officers had

hoped to find savings elsewhere to avoid disrupting ship-building work.

Under automatic budget cuts enacted by Congress, the Pentagon must slash its funding by roughly \$37 billion through the end of the current fiscal year.

US commanders have warned the reductions will undermine military readiness by forcing cuts to training and maintenance.

Under mounting fiscal pressure, the Pentagon has already begun laying off temporary and contract employees and plans to scale back its civilian workforce by 5-6 percent over the next five years, according to Deputy Defense Secretary Ash Carter.

The Defense Department has proposed a budget for 2014 that would keep military spending steady at \$526.6 billion, without taking into account the cost of the war in Afghanistan or the automatic budget cuts.

But the budget proposal may never be approved given the political stalemate in Congress, with both parties deadlocked over how to reduce the deficit.

The automatic budget reductions, or sequestration, were part of a 2011 law designed to contain the federal government's growing deficit and national debt.

### Turkey terminates decades of IMF debt

ANKARA (AFP) - Turkey has paid off all debt owed to the IMF which extended its first loans more than 50 years ago, and is now set to contribute to the Fund's operations, owing to economic growth that gave a priority to the private sector, Turkish officials said.

The last instalment of \$412 million was paid Tuesday to the International Monetary Fund by the Turkish central bank, bringing to an end a series of loans extended by the IMF since 1958.

Deputy Prime Minister Ali Babacan was quoted by the Anatolia news agency as saying that Turkey had also committed to contributing a sum "on the order of five billion dollars" to IMF operations.

The country's public debt has been cut from 46 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) to 36 percent in four years, he added.

By way of comparison, European Union members are bound to maintain public debt below 60 percent of GDP, but very few have done so.

Turkey is now in a position to invest fiscal revenue in infrastructure, Erdogan said, including the construction of a third airport for Istanbul, a city of 15 million inhabitants.

Although its economic expansion eased markedly last year, Turkey still posted growth of 2.2 percent, down from 8.8 percent in 2011.

### Petrobras announces record \$11 billion bond issue

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - Brazilian oil giant Petrobras announced an \$11 billion bond issue Tuesday, a record for an emerging country company.

The state-controlled company, which already carries a huge debt load, is raising funds for its \$237 billion five year investment program, including the development of deep water oil fields off the coast of Brazil.

This year alone, Petrobras plans to take on \$20 billion in debt, its financial director said recently.

The US dollar bonds are being issued with maturity periods of three, five, ten and 30 years at both fixed and variable rates. The fixed rates range from 2.14 percent for a three year bond to 5.76 percent for a thirty year bond.

Market sources cited by Dow Jones Newswire say demand has been strong at over \$40 billion, or nearly four times the amount sought.

Petrobras wanted to sell off assets to finance its projects, but a lack of buyers has forced it to take on debt.

It comes ahead of auctions Tuesday and Wednesday of concessions by the state to develop 289 oil blocks in the unexplored north and northeast of the country.

The offering -- with untapped reserves estimated at 9.1 billion barrels -- has attracted dozens of companies, including Petrobras, that hope to repeat the big oil discoveries made in 2008 along the southeastern coast.

### YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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## Angelina Jolie: *I had double mastectomy*



Angelina with mom Marcheline Bertrand, a French actress which died of breast cancer aged 56 in 2007.

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Angelina Jolie revealed Tuesday that she has undergone a double mastectomy to reduce her high risk of breast cancer, saying she is speaking out to encourage women to address threats to their health.

Jolie, whose mother died of cancer at the age of 56, said she had managed to keep the issue quiet and continue working. Her medical procedures ended late last month. "But I am writing about it now because I hope that other women can benefit from my experience," she said.

The 37-year-old American actress wrote in an opinion piece entitled "My Medical Choice" in The New York Times that she had chosen the procedure because she carries a faulty gene that increases her risk of both breast and ovarian cancer.

Jolie, one of Hollywood's best-known faces and the partner of actor Brad Pitt, said that because of this gene, known as BRCA1, her doctors estimated she had an 87 percent risk of breast cancer and a 50 percent risk of ovarian cancer.

"Once I knew that this was my reality, I decided to be proactive and to minimize the risk as much I could. I made a decision to have a preventive double mastectomy," she wrote.

"I started with the breasts,

as my risk of breast cancer is higher than my risk of ovarian cancer, and the surgery is more complex," Jolie wrote.

She said that on April 27 she completed the three months of medical procedures that the mastectomies involved.

Jolie said her chances of developing breast cancer are now down to five percent.

Jolie and Pitt have three adopted and three biological children.

"I can tell my children they don't need to fear they will lose me to breast cancer," Jolie said.

Jolie described a several-stage surgical process, the main one of which is an operation that can take up to eight hours as the breast tissue is removed and temporary fillers are put in place.

"You wake up with drain tubes and expanders in your breasts. It does feel like a scene out of a science fiction film. But days after surgery you can be back to a normal life," Jolie wrote.

The final phase of the process involved reconstruction of the breasts with implants, she said, adding: "There have been many advances in this procedure in the last few years and the results can be beautiful."

Jolie said Pitt has been a huge source of support.

"Brad was at the Pink Lotus Breast Center, where I was treated, for every minute of the surgeries," she said, adding that "we managed to find moments to laugh together."

Jolie said she has only small scars after the ordeal, with nothing alarming for her children to see.

"On a personal note, I do not feel any less of a woman. I feel empowered that I made a strong choice that in no way diminishes my femininity."

Jolie, one of the world's highest-paid performers, said the cost of getting tested for BRCA1 and another faulty gene, called BRCA2, is more than \$3,000 in the United States and that this "remains an obstacle for many women".

She said she hopes women living under the threat of cancer will be able to get tested.

"Life comes with many challenges. The ones that should not scare us are the ones we can take on and take control of," Jolie wrote.

British Foreign Secretary William Hague, who has been working with Jolie in the past few months in her role as UN special envoy for refugee issues to highlight the problem of sexual violence in conflict, said she was a "brave lady".

Hague and Jolie visited Rwanda and Democratic Republic of Congo in March and successfully joined forces at a meeting of G8 finance ministers last month to win a pledge to act against the use of rape as a weapon of war.

"She's a courageous lady, a very professional lady. She's done a lot of work with me in recent months and travelled with me through some difficult places in the Congo," Hague told Sky News television.

"She gave no sign that she was undergoing such treatment. She's a very brave lady not only to carry on with her work so well during such treatment, also to write about it now and talk about it. She's a brave lady and will be an inspiration to many."

## Have your bikini your way at Banana Moon



A store that finally understands the uniqueness of every woman's body has recently opened its doors on the Havenstraat in Oranjestad, just behind the Royal Plaza Mall.

Banana Moon is a well-known brand of swim and beach wear, manufactured in Monaco, so quality is insured. Their unique claim to fame is that bikinis and tankinis are sold as separates, so stylish women can mix and match to

Shelly from Ohio, reports she had been all over the island looking for just such a store, and walked out with a big smile and two new bikinis. She has the good fortune to have a fantastic figure, but the misfortune of always finding bikini tops never quite fit when the bottom was just right. This is not an uncommon complaint. "We have nothing like this back where I live," she reports, "Banana Moon is a real find. I will

certainly be back for more



bathing suits next year."

produce the combination of their choice, as well as being assured a perfect fit, both top and bottom. Prices are very reasonable for designer swimwear.

Owner Selma was inspired to seek out a brand that answered her own frustrations at finding a proper fitting two piece swimsuit, and discovered the stylish and well-made product. The shop is quiet new, and they report they are expecting a shipment of the most recent collection at any moment.

Presently, however, their walls are lined with an adorable selection, in a rainbow of colors to suit any taste.

The shop also features a complete inventory of the exclusive, but moderately priced "Arubiana" sandals, which have a diverse selection that will produce at least one pair to perfectly color coordinate to your swim selection. Banana Moon also produces very attractive lines of beach tunics and wraparounds. Smart beach bags and adorable hats will complete the ensemble, for a perfectly fitting fashion statement on Aruba's fine white sands.

Banana Moon is open daily, Monday through Saturday, nonstop from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM. Visit them for that dream bikini that fits perfectly in all places!

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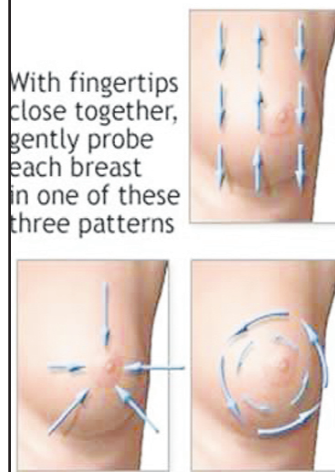
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## Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded get-



away; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when

complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great

demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the

least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

Visit their website: [www.goldcoastaruba.com](http://www.goldcoastaruba.com) for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.

## Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Grandma's classic Stew beef with Rice and Potato salad

An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varela Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

### The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal

clientele. Varela's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena - "Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients

that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses for Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin,



Varela, Luisa and the next generation of chef

each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy and bargain-priced to boot!

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a local.

They are open daily, from 11:00 am to 11:00pm, Telf: 5860606 and email: [saus.arubancuisine@live.com](mailto:saus.arubancuisine@live.com), offering indoor and outdoor dining. Aside from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!



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## Boxing: Injured Haye pulls out of comeback fight

LONDON (AFP) - David Haye's hopes of re-establishing himself as a heavyweight title contender suffered a setback on Tuesday after the former WBA champion withdrew Tuesday from a bout next month with Manuel Charr because of a hand injury.

British boxer Haye was set to fight for the first time in nearly a year at the Manchester Arena in northern England on June 29 against an opponent whose only professional loss came when he was controversially stopped because of a cut to his right eye in the fourth round by WBC champion Vitali Klitschko last year.

But after injuring his left hand on Sunday, the 32-year-old announced Tuesday that the contest had been postponed.

This setback damaged Haye's hopes facing either one

of brothers Vitali or Wladimir Klitschko, who hold all of the recognised world titles in the heavyweight division.

"I apologise to Manuel Charr and to everybody involved with the promotion. But most of all I want to say sorry to the thousands of fans who bought tickets to the fight. I felt it was important to let them know about the cancellation as soon as possible, so they can now make other plans," the champion said in a statement.

"As soon as I am told I can resume full training, my loyal fans will be the first to know."

Haye pulled out of a planned bout with Wladimir Klitschko with a back complaint in 2009 and when they did meet two years Haye famously cited a toe injury as the reason why the Ukrainian cruised to a unanimous decision win in Hamburg.

## Auto Racing: Sato sets IndyCar points pace as 500 looms



INDIANAPOLIS (AFP) - Japan's Takuma Sato, a last-lap crash victim while battling for the lead in last year's Indianapolis 500, comes back this year with a historic victory and the IndyCar season points lead.

Sato became the first Japanese driver to win an IndyCar race when he captured the title last month at Long Beach and the former Formula One racer finished second earlier this month at Brazil to seize the season points lead.

Sato has 136 points, 13 ahead of US racer Marco Andretti with Brazil's Helio Castroneves 20 points back and

Canada's James Hinchcliffe fourth on 112.

But now the focus shifts to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and Saturday's pole day qualifying on the famed 2 1/2-mile (4km) oval where a 33-car field will compete over 200 laps in the 97th Indy 500 on May 26.

This year, Sato wants that one last lap and a checkered flag finish.

And Sato says he will not be any less likely to make another risky move on the last lap if there is a chance to take the lead again this year.

## SPORTS

### Wrestling: US, Russia, Iran unite to save Olympic wrestling

NEW YORK (AFP) - The United States, Iran and Russia on Tuesday forged an unlikely heavyweight alliance to keep the ancient sport of wrestling in the Olympic Games.

While political differences between the three are deep, the national teams from the three wrestling superpowers will grapple with each other in New York's Grand Central Station railway terminal on Wednesday to back the campaign.

Wrestling has been in shock since the International Olympic Committee announced in February that it wanted the sport ejected for the 2020 Games.

There were complaints that the sport, where a broken nose or a cauliflower ear can be a badge of honor, is too macho, too complicated and not attractive to television audiences.

But after initial hunger strikes by coaches and Olympic champions sending back their medals in protest, wrestling is fighting back.

The bouts between the US, Iranian and Russian teams in New York on Wednesday and Sunday in Los Angeles are part of a new offensive to make the sport more attractive.

Russia's President Vladimir Putin has said he will raise the case. But leaders of the international wrestling federation, FILA, admit they are in a desperate battle to make sure that the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Games are not the last for one of the original Olympic sports.

Christakis Alexandridis, Russia's Olympic wrestling coach, said that when wrestling was included in Ancient Greece Olympics "it featured the beauty of the athletic body, willpower and determination."

Nenad Lalovic, expected to be elected the FILA president at a congress in Moscow this weekend, said, however, that wrestling has been living on its past for too long.

The IOC decision in February was a "terrible shock", Lalovic told AFP on the sidelines of a press conference at the UN headquarters.

## MLB Standings

### American League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
YANKEES	24	14	.632	--
BALTIMORE	23	15	.605	1.0
BOSTON	22	16	.579	2.0
TAMPA	19	18	.514	4.5
TORONTO	15	24	.385	9.5
Central	W	L	Pct	GB
DETROIT	21	15	.583	--
CLEVELAND	21	16	.568	0.5
KANSAS	19	16	.543	1.5
MINNESOTA	18	17	.514	2.5
CHICAGO	15	21	.417	6.0
West	W	L	Pct	GB
TEXAS	24	07	.632	--
OAKLAND	20	10	.500	5.0
SEATTLE	18	13	.474	6.0
LA ANGELES	14	15	.368	10.0
HOUSTON	10	15	.256	14.5

### National League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
ATLANTA	22	16	.579	--
WASHINGTON	21	17	.553	1.0
PHILADELPHIA	18	21	.462	4.5
NY METS	14	21	.400	6.5
MIAMI	11	27	.289	11.0
Central	W	L	Pct	GB
ST. LOUIS	24	13	.649	--
CINCINNATI	22	16	.579	2.5
PITTSBURGH	21	17	.553	3.5
MILWAUKEE	16	20	.444	7.5
CHICAGO	16	22	.421	8.5
West	W	L	Pct	GB
SAN FRANCISCO	23	15	.605	--
ARIZONA	21	18	.538	2.5
COLORADO	20	18	.526	3.0
SAN DIEGO	16	21	.432	6.5
DODGERS	15	22	.405	7.5

x-Clinched Playoff Spot; y-Division Champ



ROME (AFP) : US Serena Williams celebrates her victory over British player Laura Robson at the end of their Rome WTA tennis open. Serena bt Laura Robson (GBR) 6-2, 6-2



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## NBA: Grizzlies beat Thunder to seize control of series

MEMPHIS (AFP) - Mike Conley scored a team-high 24 points as Memphis rallied from a 17-point deficit to beat Oklahoma City 103-97 in overtime in game four of their second round playoff series Monday.

All-star Zach Randolph had 23 points and 12 rebounds and Marc Gasol finished with 23 points and 11 rebounds for Memphis who took a 3-1 series lead to put themselves on the brink of their first appearance in the NBA playoff semifinals.

The Grizzlies, who started out in the league as the Vancouver Grizzlies before moving to Memphis in 2001, can

wrap up the series in game five Wednesday in Oklahoma City.

This marked the fifth consecutive playoff win for Memphis at home and they are now 19-1 at the FedExForum in the last three months.

Two years ago, Memphis gave up an 18-point lead against the Thunder in game four of the second round and wound up losing in triple-overtime. They blew a 2-1 series lead and eventually lost in seven games.

Oklahoma City had five players score in double figures for the first time in the series.

But their offense struggled at times, especially in overtime when they shot just one-

of-eight.

Kevin Durant finished with 27 points, seven rebounds and seven assists for the Thunder who shot just 33 percent from the field after halftime.

Kevin Martin had 18 points in the loss.

Durant, who was the league's second-leading scorer in the regular season, finished runner-up to LeBron James in MVP voting this season.

The Thunder have a huge task now. The defending Western Conference champions are one win away from elimination without one of their best offensive weapons, all-star Russell Westbrook, who injured his knee and is done for the season.

## NBA: Portland's Lillard leads All-Rookie squad



NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard, the unanimous selection as NBA Rookie of the Year, was named to the 2012-2013 season NBA All-Rookie Team announced by the league on Tuesday. Lillard was also the only unanimous selection to the honor squad, which also includes Washington guard Bradley Beal, New Orleans forward Anthony Davis, Cleveland guard Dion Waiters and Golden State forward Harrison Barnes. Lillard received 58 points in voting from the NBA's 30 coaches, none of whom could vote for a player on their own club. Davis and Beal each had 57 votes while Waiters had 50 and Barnes garnered 47. Selected sixth overall in last year's NBA Draft, Lillard was the NBA's top rookie scorer with 19 points a game and also led newcomers in assists with 6.5 a game.

## Boxing: Guerrero firearm possession charge dropped

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Boxer Robert Guerrero, coming off a loss 10 days ago to unbeaten Floyd Mayweather, had all firearm possession charges against him dropped on Tuesday in a New York State Supreme Court hearing.

Guerrero was arrested March 28 for allegedly trying to take a handgun on a plane to Las Vegas at John F. Kennedy Airport.

At the hearing, Guerrero pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct and was fined \$250 as well as ordered to perform 50 hours of community service, which he will be allowed to do in his home state of California.

When checking his luggage at the airport, Guerrero notified authorities he had an unloaded gun in a locked safe box in his luggage.

Guerrero, who had no ammunition with him, only had a license for the gun in California, but did not have one allowing him to possess the firearm in New York.

Guerrero lost 117-111 on all three judges' scorecards to Mayweather on May 4 at Las Vegas. That ended a 15-fight Guerrero win streak dating to 2005 as he fell to 31-2 with one drawn.

Mayweather improved to 44-0 and kept his World Boxing Council welterweight title.

## Racing: Derby winner Orb arrives for Preakness



BALTIMORE (AFP) - Kentucky Derby winner Orb made a spirited walk along the shedrow at Pimlico on Tuesday ahead of Saturday's 138th Preakness, the second leg in American flat racing's Triple Crown series. Orb trainer Shug McGaughey brought the horse from New York's Belmont Park to Baltimore on Monday ahead of the 1 3/16ths-mile showdown, the shortest race in the treble that began with his May 4 Derby victory at Churchill Downs. So far, McGaughey likes what he sees from Orb as the horse tries to become the first to sweep the Triple Crown races since Affirmed in 1978, a feat that requires a Preakness victory and a Belmont Stakes triumph on June 8.

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## Tennis: Djokovic starts Rome title campaign with a win

ROME (AFP) - Two-time Rome masters champion Novak Djokovic began his campaign for a hat-trick trophy with a 70-minute, 6-2, 6-3 win over Albert Montanes which was wrapped up with an ace.

The Serb was all smiles as he got the job done in his second-round start after a bye after losing a week ago in his opening match in Madrid to Grigor Dimitrov.

The Bulgarian threat was knocked out earlier by French ninth seed Richard Gasquet 6-4, 6-4.

Rafael Nadal began building for what he hopes will be a lucky seventh title at the Foro Italico after winning Madrid, his fifth title of a season which only began for him in February as he returned following seven months of knee injury absence.

Frenchman Julien Benneteau defeated 12th seed Nicolas Almagro 7-6 (7/2), 6-4 while Russian Mikhail Youzhny surprised German number 13 Tommy Haas 6-4, 6-3.

The 35-year-old Haas won the Munich clay title little more than a week ago and reached the third round in Madrid.

Madrid finalist and 15th seed Stanislas Wawrinka staged a fightback to overcome Carlos Berlocq 5-7, 6-3, 6-3.

Spain's Fernando Verdasco beat Argentina's Horacio Zeballos in three sets, while Frenchman Jeremy Chardy also needed three sets before beating Spaniard Feliciano Lopez 3-6, 7-5, 7-6 (7/4).

Argentine seventh seed Juan Martin del Potro was making his return to action after a virus, taking on Russian Andrey Kuznetsov.

## French capital's image tarnished by PSG fan violence

PARIS (AFP) - Paris's image, already tarnished by alarm over recent tourist muggings, has taken a further bashing after violence during a trophy parade to mark Paris Saint-Germain's first French League win in 19 years.

The shock violence occurred late Monday after up to 15,000 PSG fans, who had thronged the esplanade at Trocadero by the iconic Eiffel Tower to mark the victory, turned unruly and attacked tourists and

others in the heart of the city.

The unrest came amid increasing reports of thefts against tourists and a strikes.

Smoke bombs were thrown, bars and restaurants were damaged and at least one tourist bus was attacked and a scooter burnt during an hours-long confrontation between an 800-strong police presence and hardline PSG supporters known as "ultras".

In all 32 people suffered injuries and 39 arrests were

made following the disturbances.

A PSG players' cruise on the river Seine was cancelled and the team members hastily left the podium at the Place du Trocadero without addressing the crowd. They ended up fettering the evening by eating pizza in a hotel, according to French media reports.

"Basically I am furious and disgusted like many people. We must be very firm, very hard with these

hooligans." Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius said.

Interior Minister Valls meanwhile said a ceremony to hand the trophy over to the champions in front of Paris city hall had been cancelled as well as all public events linked to the club.

"Several hundred 'ultras' -- some of whom have been banned from stadiums, hooligans, young and drunken -- attacked people and journalists and smashed shop windows and cars for several hours,"

Valls said.

Paris police commissioner Bernard Boucault said that given the disturbances, PSG would never be granted "a public celebratory parade again".

Paris Saint-Germain, which was bought two years ago by Qatar Sports Investments and earlier this year signed football legend David Beckham, has struggled with fan violence in the past, especially in the 1980s and 1990s.